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IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims replaces any earlier listing:

- (currently amended) A sock, comprising: 1.
- a toe section that covers the for covering toes, said toe section being and is knitted completely into a flat tubular shape, said toe section includes including a sole section covering the bottom part of the toes and an instep section eovering the top part of the toes,
- a bulge section formed in the a middle part in the a length direction of said toe section, and

wherein said bulge section is formed with said toe section so as to be in a T shape when viewed in a side view in the middle part in the length direction of the toes in a location such that it covers the bottom half of said toes, in a state before the toes are inserted, said bulge section, together with said toe section, instep section and sole section, forms a T-shape, and in a state after the toes have been inserted, a bottom surface of said bulge section has an arc shape.

- (currently amended) The sock of claim 1, wherein said bulge section is formed such that 2. it gradually becomes thinner from the \underline{a} side of the \underline{a} large toe toward the \underline{a} side of the \underline{a} little toe.
- (currently amended) The sock of claim 1, wherein said bulge section is formed such that 3. it has an arc shape that protrudes downward.
- (canceled) 4.
- (canceled) 5.
- (currently amended) The sock of claim 1, wherein said toe section is formed such that it 6. is divided into a first insert section into which the a large toe is inserted, and a second insert section into which the other toes are inserted, and where bulge sections are formed in both the

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first insert section and second insert section.

(currently amended) The sock of claim 1, wherein said toe section is formed such that it is divided into five insert sections for each individual toes, and where bulge sections are formed for each of the five insert sections.